

Council Action Checklist
Final Staff Draft Delta Plan
June 28-29, 2012 Delta Stewardship Council Meeting

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Executive Summary							
Chapter 1							
Chapter 2							
1.	53/34		Temporary water transfer administrative exemption	Staff directed to develop options and suggest recommended language.	Council request: Isenberg	<p>Option 1 (Staff Recommendation):</p> <p>Temporary water transfers of up to 1 year in duration exempted from CEQA pursuant to Water Code section 1729 that are approved by the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 1725 et seq, and/or that receive approval for use of water conveyance facilities by the Department of Water Resources or another public agency pursuant to Water Code section 1810 et seq. or by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation pursuant to P.L. 102-575 (section 3405(a)).</p> <p>Related actions: See Chapter 3, revisions to WR R15</p> <p>Option 2: Use language from 5th staff draft Delta Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Temporary water transfers of up to 1 year in duration <p>Option 3: Remove temporary water transfers from administrative exemption list.</p>	
2.	56/14	GP 1: Detailed Findings to Establish Consistency with the Delta Plan	Clarification of certification process when full consistency with all relevant policies may not be feasible. Additional technical correction clarifying that mitigation measures must be feasible.	DWR suggested clarification of process.	DSC Staff Proposal, EBMUD, DWR, Yolo	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p>a. This policy specifies what must be addressed in a certification of consistency filed with regard to a covered action. This policy only applies after a “proposed action” has been determined to be a covered action because it among other things is covered by one or more of the policies contained in Chapters 3 through 7. Inconsistency with this policy may be the basis for an appeal.</p> <p>b. Certifications of Consistency must include detailed findings that address each of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covered actions must be consistent with the coequal goals, as well as with each of the policies contained in chapters 3 through 7 implicated by the covered action. The Delta Stewardship Council acknowledges that in some cases, based upon the nature of the covered action, full consistency with all relevant policies may not be feasible. In those cases, covered action proponents <u>may determine that the covered action is consistent with the Delta Plan. That determination must include a clear identification of must clearly identify</u> areas where consistency is not feasible, <u>an explanation of explain</u> the reasons <u>why it is not feasible</u>, and <u>an explanation of describe</u> how the covered action nevertheless, on whole, is consistent with the coequal goals. That determination is subject to review by in these cases, the Delta Stewardship Council on appeal. may determine, on appeal, that the covered action is consistent with the Delta Plan.Covered actions not exempt from CEQA must include applicable <u>feasible</u> mitigation measures identified in the Delta Plan's Program EIR <u>(unless the measure(s) are within the exclusive jurisdiction of an agency other than the proposing agency)</u>, or substitute mitigation measures that the proposing agency finds are equally or more effective.As relevant to the purpose and nature of the project, all covered actions must document use of best available science (as described in Appendix A).Ecosystem restoration and water management covered actions must include adequate provisions, appropriate to the scope of the covered action, to assure continued implementation of adaptive management. This requirement shall be satisfied through:<ul style="list-style-type: none">An adaptive management plan that describes the approach to be taken consistent with the adaptive management framework in Appendix A, andDocumentation of access to adequate resources and delineated authority by the entity responsible for the implementation of the proposed adaptive management process. <p>If the agency that files the certification of consistency will carry out the covered action, the certification of consistency must also include a certification from that agency that the covered action complies with all applicable laws pertaining to water resources, biological resources, flood risk, and land use and planning. If the agency that files the certification of consistency will not carry out the covered action (but will approve or fund the action), the certification of consistency must include a certification from that agency that the covered action complies with all applicable laws of the type listed above over which that agency has enforcement authority or with which that agency can require compliance.</p>	

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3.	51-52		Clarify meaning of term "proposed action" vs. "covered action"	Staff proposed clarifying text in Chapter 2, distinguishing terms "proposed action" vs. "covered action"	DSC Staff Proposal per stakeholder question/Ag Urban	Staff Proposed Changes (New Language): <u>A "proposed action" meets the first four screening criteria, but the action has not yet been reviewed to determine whether it meets the fifth screening criteria: is the proposed action covered by one or more Delta Plan policies? If the proposed action is covered by at least one policy, then the proposed action is a "covered action". If the proposed action is not covered by any policy, it is not a covered action.</u>	
Chapter 3							
4.	100/16	WR P1: Reduce Reliance on the Delta	Clarify reduced reliance	Staff directed to review language and provide options/recommendations.	DSC Staff Proposal per stakeholder question and Council input	Option 1: (Staff Recommended Language): <u>WR P1 Reduce Reliance on the Delta and Improve Regional Self-Reliance</u> <u>Water shall not be exported from, transferred through, or used in the Delta A proposed action is inconsistent with the Delta Plan if: (1) one or more water suppliers that would receive water as a result of the export, transfer or use proposed action have failed to reduce their reliance on the Delta and adequately contribute to improved regional self-reliance; (2) that failure has significantly caused the need for the proposed action-export, transfer or use; and (3) the proposed export, transfer or use action would have a significant adverse environmental impact in the Delta.</u> <u>For the purpose of Water Code section 85057.5(a)(3), this policy "covers" This policy covers a proposed action to export water from, transfer water through, or use water in the Delta.</u> <u>The intent of this policy is to ensure that urban and agricultural water suppliers are taking appropriate actions to reduce their reliance on the Delta watershed and improve regional self-reliance. At a minimum, those actions include compliance with all applicable state laws regarding water conservation, water efficiency, and urban and agricultural water management planning, including requirements for adoption of rate structures that promote water efficiency and conservation.</u> <u>For the purposes of this policy and the Delta Plan, "reducing reliance on the Delta and adequately contributing to improved regional self-reliance" means a significant reduction in net water use, or in the percentage of water used, from the Delta watershed. Progress in increasing water efficiency, diversification of local water supplies, and other improvements in water management that contribute to reduced reliance on the Delta and improved regional self-reliance can be achieved which may be achieved through investments in water use efficiency, water recycling, stormwater capture and use, advanced water technologies, conjunctive use projects, local and regional water supply projects, and improved regional coordination of local and regional water supply efforts.</u> <u>The baseline for initiating compliance with this policy will be 2010 for urban water suppliers and 2012 for agricultural water suppliers (corresponding with the deadlines for the adoption of urban water management plans and agricultural water management plans, respectively).</u> Related actions: Provide examples in final draft illustrating how different regions are reducing reliance on Delta. Also, enhance text in Chapter 3 to better explain policy and reduced reliance consistent with Council direction. Option 2: Retain language in Final Staff Draft Delta Plan Option 3: Change policy to recommendation/consider language submitted by MWD (see Attachment 1).	
5.	105/10	WR P2: Transparency in Water Contracting	Clarify transparency language regarding new and amended water contracts	From previous "Open Items" list and not discussed at 6/14-15 meeting.	Council request	Staff Proposed Changes: <u>The contracting process for water from the CVP and SWP State Water Project (SWP) and/or the Central Valley Project (CVP) must be done in a publicly transparent manner consistent with applicable polices of the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources referenced below.</u> <u>For purposes of Water Code section 85057.5(a)(3), this policy "covers" the following:</u> <u>a. With regard to water from the SWP, a proposed action to enter into or amend a water supply or water transfer contract subject to DWR Guidelines 03-09 and/or 03-10 (each dated July 3, 2003), which are included in Part 1 of Appendix F.</u> <u>b. With regard to water from the CVP, a proposed action to enter into or amend a water supply or water transfer contract subject to Section 226 of P.L. 97-293 or Section 3504(a)(2)(B) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, which are included in Part 2 of Appendix F.</u> <u>This policy covers a proposed action to export water from, transfer water through, or use water in the Delta.</u>	
6.	104/32	WR R15: Improve Water Transfer Procedures	Proposed water transfer workgroup	From previous "Open Items" list and not discussed at 6/14-15 meeting.	Council request	Staff Proposed Changes: <u>The Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board should work with stakeholders to identify and recommend measures to reduce procedural and administrative impediments to water transfers and protect water rights and environmental resources by 2014. These recommendations should include measures to address potential issues with recurring transfers of up to 1 year in duration and improved public notification for proposed water transfers.</u>	

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7.	148/7	ER P2: Restore Habitats at Appropriate Elevations	Clarify use of Figure 4-3 and Appendix H when determining appropriate habitat restoration actions based on elevation.	Staff propose adding test to ER P2 to clarify use of Figure 4-3 as a guide when determining appropriate habitat restoration actions based on an area's elevation.	DSC Staff Proposal per DWR recommendation	Staff Proposed Changes: Habitat restoration must be carried out consistent with the elevation map attached as Figure 4.3 and the text of Appendix H, which is based on the Conservation Strategy for Restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecological Management Zone and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Regions (DFG 2011), with minor alterations. Figure 4-3 should be used as a guide for determining appropriate habitat restoration actions based on an area's elevation.	
8.	149/ Figure 4-4 151/2	ER P3: Protect Opportunities to Restore Habitat ER R1: Prioritize and Implement Projects that Restore Delta Habitat	Proposed additional priority habitat restoration area in western Delta.	Staff propose to add additional priority habitat restoration area to Figure 4-4 and modify related recommendation and policy language accordingly.	DSC Staff Proposal per DWR and DFG	Staff Proposed Changes: Modify Figure 4-4 to identify a sixth priority habitat restoration area in the Western Delta. See Attachment 2 . Staff Proposed Changes (New Language): Add to ER R1: <u>Western Delta/Eastern Contra Costa County. Restore tidal marsh and channel margin at Dutch Slough and western Delta islands to provide habitat to support food webs and provide habitat for native species.</u> Related action: On p. 136, add text describing a sixth priority restoration area in the western Delta, including Dutch Slough and Decker and Winter Islands. Acknowledge potential for other restoration opportunities to be proposed as part of BDCP or local NCCPs/HCPs. These may include portions of Sherman or Twitchell Island or other tracts in eastern Contra Costa County. State that these areas are outside urban or urbanizing areas, but rather are in areas planned for agriculture or open space and recreation. As a result, they face little risk of development or infrastructure improvements that would preclude potential restoration in the near future. Should they be proposed for restoration in the BDCP or another conservation plan, the Delta Plan may be amended.	
Chapter 5							
9.	192/35	DP P1: Locate New Development Wisely	Confirm boundaries of appropriate development locations	Per Council meeting discussion, clarify definitions and map of communities, including Legacy Community boundaries.	DSC Staff Proposal per DWR/Bethel Island residents/Contra Costa County/San Joaquin County	Staff Proposed Changes Significant new urban development, including residential, commercial, and industrial uses (other than commercial recreational visitor-serving uses or facilities for processing of local crops or that provide essential services to local farms) must be limited to areas that designated by city or county general plans for development, as of the effective date of this policy, designate for development in cities, their spheres of influence, <u>areas within Contra Costa County's voter-approved urban limit line except Bethel Island, and the Mountain House General Plan Community Boundary</u> (as shown in Figure 5.1), or Legacy Communities (as shown in Appendix K). This policy covers proposed actions that involve significant new urban development, including residential, commercial, and industrial uses, that is located outside of cities, their spheres of influence, or Legacy Communities, unless the development is in a built-up area. For the purpose of this policy, built-up areas are Legacy Communities, and areas designated, as of the effective date of this policy, by city or county general plans for development in 1) cities, 2) their spheres of influence, 3) areas within Contra Costa County's voter-approved urban limit line, and 4) areas within the Mountain House General Plan Community Boundary (as shown in Figure 5.1). In addition, this policy covers any such action anywhere on Bethel Island outside of the Legacy Community identified in Appendix K. This policy does not cover commercial recreational visitor-serving uses or industrial or commercial uses to process local crops <u>facilities for processing of local crops or that provide essential services to local farms.</u> Related action: Staff to add conforming language from DP P1 to ER P3 and RR P2 to reflect the same boundaries.	
10.	Appendix K-9	DP P1 DP R3 RR P2 ER P3	Current map of Bethel Island needs revision to indicate Legacy Community boundary. Modify policies and recommendation as needed.	Staff directed to provide options to revise map of Legacy Community boundary.	DSC Staff Proposal per stakeholder question and Council input	Options (See Attachment 3): 1. Staff Recommended Option: Revised boundary proposed by DSC Staff 2. Revised boundary proposed by Contra Costa County 3. Revised boundary proposed by Councilmember Fiorini 4. Entire island boundary proposal	
Chapter 6							

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Chapter 7							
11.	270/36	RR P1: Prioritization of State Investments in Delta Levees and Risk Reduction	Many Delta reclamation districts want the PL 84-99 levee standard to be recommended as the desired minimum standard for levees and want the Delta Plan to recommend State funding for improvements to that level.	Staff directed to return with alternative language	Council and stakeholder request	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p>Revise narrative on page 270, lines 36-38, to read: Efforts by landowners, reclamation districts, and other parties to <u>use local resources to upgrade levees</u> upgrades beyond these standards that may be funded by the State using local resources are encouraged and consistent with the State's goal of reducing Delta flood risk.</p> <p>Proposed Policy Changes:</p> <p>Additional proposed changes to policy language are provided in Attachment 4. See Option 1 (staff recommended language) and Option 2, which is proposed by Tom Zuckerman.</p>	
12.	271/4	RR P1: Prioritization of State Investments in Delta Levees and Risk Reduction	State policy on investments for Delta risk reduction projects, including levees, should include an analysis of appropriate cost-sharing ratios	Staff directed to develop language to address cost-share ratios within prioritization studies	Council: Isenberg	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p>Add language as shown to RR P1: “The Delta Stewardship Council, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and the California Water Commission, shall develop priorities for State investments in Delta levees by January 1, 2015. These priorities shall be consistent with the provisions of the Delta Reform Act in promoting effective, prioritized strategic State investments in levee operations, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta for both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees. Upon completion, these priorities shall be considered for incorporation into the Delta Plan. The prioritization shall identify guiding principles, constraints, <u>possible cost share considerations</u> and strategic considerations to guide Delta flood risk reduction investments, supported by, at a minimum, the following actions to be conducted by the Department of Water Resources, consistent with available funding:...”</p>	
13.	274/1	RR P3: Protect Floodways	Clarify analysis needed to permit encroachment in floodway	Staff to add clarifying language: standard for encroachment on floodway and scientifically sound hydraulic analysis.	Council: Isenberg	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p><u>No encroachment¹ shall be permitted in a floodway. ² unless it can be demonstrated by appropriate analysis that the encroachment will not unduly impede the free flow of water in the floodway or jeopardize public safety.</u> Floodways shall not be encroached upon nor diminished without mitigating for future flood flows.</p> <p>This policy covers a proposed action that would encroach upon a floodway.</p>	
14.	274/6	RR P4: Protect Floodplains	Clarify analysis needed to permit encroachment in floodplain	Staff to add clarifying language	Council: Isenberg	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p><u>No encroachment shall be permitted in any of the following critical floodplains³ unless it can be demonstrated by appropriate analysis that the encroachment will not have a significant impact on floodplain values and functions, as defined in 33C.F.R. §320.4(l)(1).</u> The following areas shall not be encroached upon without mitigating for future flood flows because they are critical floodplains and may provide ecosystem benefits. This does not exempt these activities <u>potential encroachments</u> from the regulations and requirements of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas located in the Yolo Bypass from Fremont Weir through Cache Slough to the Sacramento River including the confluence of Putah Creek into the bypass• The Cosumnes River-Mokelumne River Confluence, as defined by the North Delta Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration Project (McCormack-Williamson), or as modified in the future by the Department of Water Resources or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (DWR 2010a).• The Lower San Joaquin River Floodplain Bypass area, located on the Lower San Joaquin River upstream of Stockton immediately southwest of Paradise Cut on lands both upstream and downstream of the Interstate 5 crossing. This area is described in the Lower San Joaquin River Floodplain Bypass Proposal, submitted to the Department of Water Resources by the partnership of the South Delta Water Agency, the River Islands Development Company, RD 2062, San Joaquin Resource Conservation District, American Rivers, the American Lands Conservancy, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, March 2011. This area may be modified in the future through the completion of this project. <p>This policy covers a proposed action that involves projects located in the Yolo Bypass, Cosumnes River-Mokelumne River Confluence, and Lower San Joaquin River Floodplain Bypass areas as described in ER R1.</p>	
15.	276/11	RR R9: Limit State Liability	Legislature should consider possible constitutional—as well as statutory changes—with regard to flood liability.	From “Open Items” list and not discussed at 6/14-15 meeting. Request staff include on this list.	DSC Staff Proposal per Stakeholder question/Dr. Pyke comment	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p>The Legislature should consider <u>statutory and/or constitutional</u> making changes to State law that would <u>address the State's potential flood liability, including changes that would give State agencies the same level of immunity with regard to flood liability as federal agencies have under federal law.</u></p>	

¹ As described in the Department of Water Resources' “Urban Levee Design” (DWR 2011).

² As defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 4:(n) Floodway. “Floodway” means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that convey floodwaters.

³ As defined by the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program: Floodplain: Any land area susceptible to being inundated by flood waters from any source. <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/19def2.shtm>.

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16.	285-292		Development of DSC-recommended finance plan and necessary elements.	Staff directed to add three recommendations for Council consideration.	Council: Fiorini	<p>Staff Proposed Changes:</p> <p>Staff propose to add three new formal recommendations related to development of the Delta Finance Plan in Chapter 8.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 1:</u> An inventory of current State and federal spending on programs and projects that do or may achieve the coequal goals will be conducted. Data sources to be used include the CALFED crosscut, state bond balance reports, and the annual state budget, among others. Consideration will be given to selecting an independent agency to conduct the inventory.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 2:</u> Costs will be assigned to the projects and programs proposed in the Delta Plan (Chapters 2 through 7) and sources of funding will be identified.</p> <p><u>Recommendation 3:</u> Current state and federal funding gaps will be identified that are determined to hinder progress towards meeting the coequal goals.</p>	

Attachment 1:
WR P1 MWD Language

Option 3

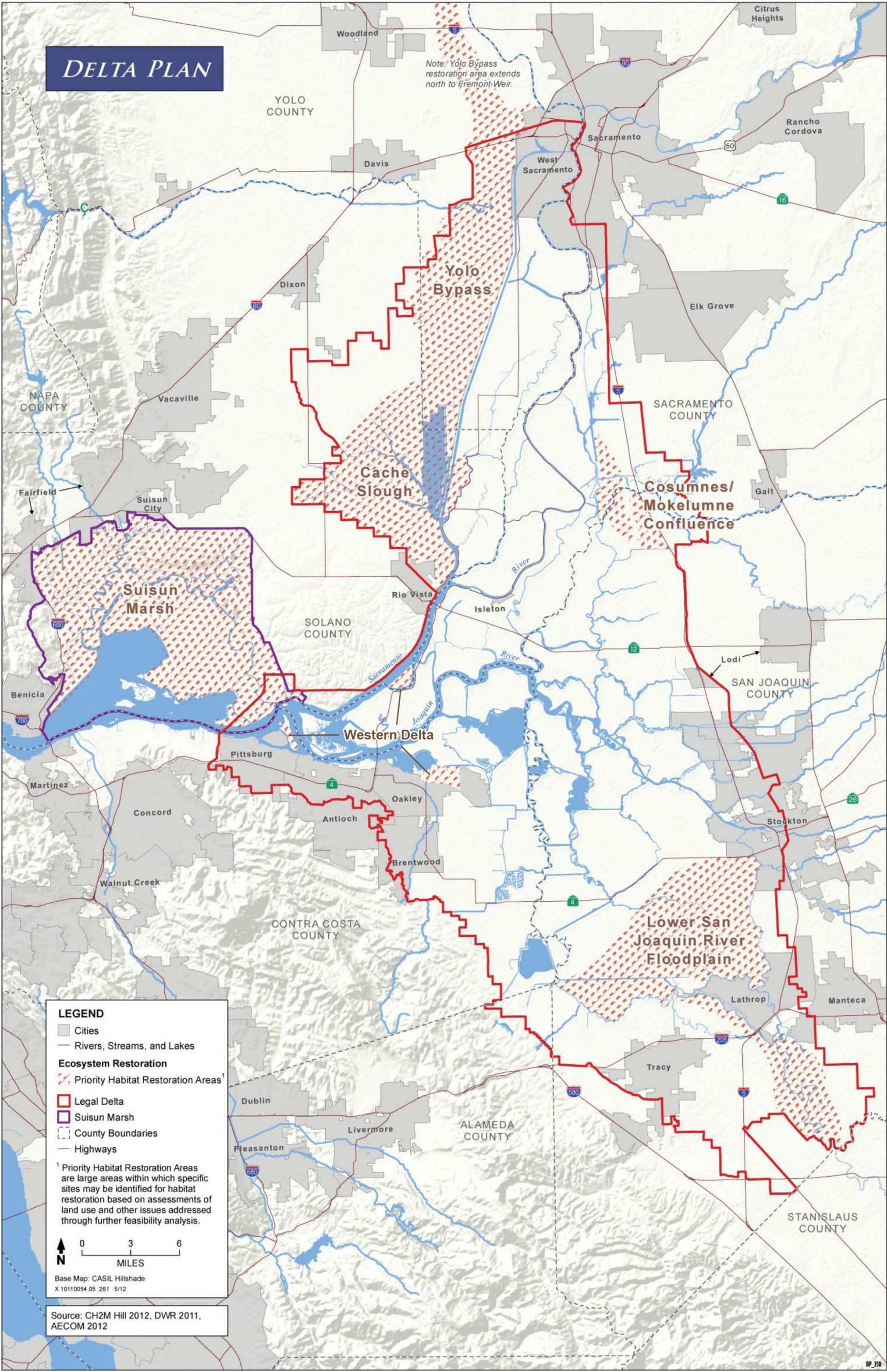
WR P1-R1 Reduce Reliance on the Delta in Meeting Future Water Supply Needs

A ~~proposed~~ covered action is inconsistent with the Delta Plan if (1) ~~a region one or more water suppliers~~ that would receive water as a result of the proposed action ~~have~~ has failed to reduce ~~its~~ their reliance on the Delta and adequately contribute to improved regional self-reliance; (2) that failure has significantly caused the need for the proposed action; and (3) the proposed action would have a significant adverse environmental impact in the Delta.

Among the covered actions this policy applies to is a covered action ~~covers a “proposed action”~~ to export water from, transfer water through, or use water in the Delta.

For the purposes of this policy, “reducing reliance on the Delta ~~and~~ or adequately contributing to improved regional self-reliance” means ~~(1) a significant reduction in net per capita water use; (2) or a reduction in the percentage of Delta watershed water used, from the as a part of total water supply; from the Delta watershed, which may be achieved through investment in water use efficiency, water recycling, advanced water technologies, local and regional water supply projects, and improved regional coordination of local and regional water supply efforts, and at a minimum, must be achieved through or (3) compliance with existing state laws regarding water conservation, water efficiency and urban and agricultural water management planning. (1), (2), and (3) may be achieved through investment in water use efficiency, water recycling, advanced water technologies, local and regional water supply projects, and improved regional coordination of local and regional water supply efforts.~~

Attachment 2:
Figure 4-4 with Sixth Restoration Area



**Attachment 3:
Bethel Island Map**



Attachment 4:
RR P1

Option 1 (Staff Recommended Revision):

RR P1 Prioritization of State Investments in Delta Levees and Risk Reduction

The Delta Stewardship Council, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and the California Water Commission, shall develop priorities for State investments in Delta levees by January 1, 2015. These priorities shall be consistent with the provisions of the Delta Reform Act in promoting effective, prioritized strategic State investments in levee operations, maintenance, and improvements in the Delta for both levees that are a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and non-project levees. Upon completion, these priorities shall be considered for incorporation into the Delta Plan. The prioritization shall identify guiding principles, constraints, possible cost share considerations and strategic considerations to guide Delta flood risk reduction investments, supported by, at a minimum, the following actions to be conducted by the Department of Water Resources, consistent with available funding:

- ◆ An assessment of existing Delta levee conditions. This shall include the development of a Delta levee conditions map based on sound data inputs, including, but not limited to:
 - Geometric levee assessment
 - Flow and updated Delta hydrology
- ◆ An island-by-island economics-based risk analysis. This analysis shall consider, but not be limited to, values related to protecting:
 - Island residents/life safety
 - Property
 - Value of Delta islands’ economic output
 - State water supply
 - Critical local, State, federal, and private infrastructure, including aqueducts, state highways, electricity transmission lines, gas/petroleum pipelines, gas fields, railroads, and deepwater shipping channels.
 - Delta water quality
 - Existing ecosystem values and ecosystem restoration opportunities
 - Recreation
 - Systemwide integrity
- ◆ An ongoing assessment of Delta levee conditions. This shall include a process for updating Delta levee assessment information on a routine basis.

This methodology shall provide the basis for the prioritization of State investments in Delta levees. It shall include, but not be limited to, the public reporting of the following items:

- Island-by-island ranking based on economics-based risk analysis values
- Delta levee conditions status report, including a levee conditions map
- Inventory of Delta infrastructure assets

Prior to the completion and adoption of these priorities, the interim priorities listed below shall, where applicable and to the extent permitted by law, guide discretionary State investments in Delta flood risk management. The priorities shown in the following table are meant to guide budget and funding allocation strategies. For example, projects that fall in the second or third priority categories may receive funds in a year when some projects in the first priority category may not be fully funded.

- ◆ Delta Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery: Develop and implement five appropriate emergency preparedness, response, and recovery strategies, including those six developed by the Delta Multi-Hazard Task Force (Water Code Section 12994.5).
- ◆ Delta Levee Funding

Except on islands planned for ecosystem restoration, improvement of non-project Delta levees to the HMP standard may be funded without justification of the benefits. Improvements to a standard above HMP, such as PL 84-99, may be funded as befits the assets to be protected.

Priority for State Investment in Delta Integrated Flood Management

Categories of Benefit Analysis

	Localized Flood Protection	Levee Network	Ecosystem Conservation
First	Protect <u>existing</u> urban and <u>adjacent</u> urbanizing areas by providing 200-year flood protection.	Protect water quality and water supply conveyance in the Delta, especially levees that protect freshwater aqueducts and the primary channels that carry fresh water through the Delta.	Protect existing and provide for a net increase in channel-margin habitat.
Second	Protect small communities and critical infrastructure of Statewide importance (located outside of urban areas).	Protect flood water conveyance in and through the Delta to a level consistent with the State Plan of Flood Control for project levees.	Protect existing and provide for net enhancement of floodplain habitat.
Third	Protect agriculture and local working landscapes, and continuing the Delta Levees Subventions Program.	Protect cultural, historic, aesthetic, and recreational resources (Delta as Place).	Protect existing and provide for net enhancement of wetlands.

Option 2

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Second	Protect small communities and critical infrastructure of Statewide importance (located outside of urban areas) to a level consistent with HMP at a minimum.	Protect flood water conveyance in and through the Delta to a level consistent with the State Plan of Flood Control for project levees or, HMP for non-project levees.	Protect existing and provide for net enhancement of floodplain habitat.
Third	Protect agriculture and local working landscapes, including achieving HMP for non-project levees not specifically planned for ecosystem restoration activities, and continuing the Delta Levees Subventions Program.	Protect cultural, historic, aesthetic, and recreational resources to a level consistent with HMP (Delta as Place).	Protect existing and provide for net enhancement of wetlands.
Fourth		Complete improvements to PL 84-99 at reclamation districts that are party through levee improvement programs to attain that standard funded by Special Projects Program or planned under the Corps of Engineers' CALFED Levee Stability Program.	